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1. INDOCHINA

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE REDUCES STAFF TO 22, WEIGHS
WITHDRAWING (AP, NYT) AS PL-SUPPORTED STUDENTS
CONTINUE OCCUPY 3 US FACILITIES AND REPORTS OF
CONTINUED ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS SPREAD IN CITY.
SOME W OBSERVERS BELIEVE MIGHT CLOSE DUE LACK SUPPORT
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FACILITIES DENIED IT BY DEMONSTRATORS (AP, NYDN).
STUDENTS, OTHER ANTI-US ELEMENTS REPORTEDLY PLAN
LARGE PROTEST TODAY (AP, PHINQ). US SPOKESMAN SAYS SOME
AMERICANS WHO LEFT WOULD RETURN NEXT WK, OTHERS STANDING

BY FOR POSSIBLE RETURN. EMBASSY AND DOS WAITING SEE WHAT HAPPENS IN NEXT FEW DAYS BEFORE TAKING FURTHER ACTION (AP, SUN; WP). OVER LAST WEEKEND PL TROOPS, STUDENTS OCCUPIED US RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND, USIS LIBRARY, GSO COMPOUND (WSTAR 6/29). LAST USAID OFFICIALS LEFT WITHOUT SIGNING AGREEMENT. MOVE INDICATED ABANDONMENT OF ALL AID ASSETS, REMAINING PERSONAL PROPERTY OF EVACUATED AMERICANS. EMBASSY SOURCE SAYS WASHINGTON TEAM MAY COME IN FUTURE TO HANDLE NEGOTIATIONS (WP 6/29). LAOTIANS STEP UP

PRESSURE AGAINST US. PL POLITICAL STATEMENT DELIVERED BY SOUPHANOUVONG ON RETURN FROM SAM NEUA DEMANDS US WITHDRAW MIL PERSONNEL, DISSOLVE ESPIONAGE ORGANIZATIONS IN LAOS (KAMM, NYT 6/29).

NYT'S KAMM (6/29) DESCRIBES LONG SPEECHES, PUBLIC APATHY THAT ACCOMPANY COMMUNIST ASCENSION TO POWER IN RURAL VILLAGES. SOUVANNA ASKS FRIENDSHIP WITH US NOW THAT USAID GONE; DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRINCE'S WORDS, PL ACTIONS INDICATES WHAT IS LEFT OF NONCOMMUNIST FREEDOM OF ACTION IN GOVT (KAMM, NYT).

PP RADIO MAKES LONG COMMENTARY ON DEFENDING COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE (WP 6/29), PLEDGES GOOD RELATIONS WITH SEA NATIONS, ESPECIALLY THAILAND (AP, PHINQ), ACCUSES US OF SEEKING POISON CAMBODIAN-THAI RELATIONS (AP, WP). FOR 3 DAYS KR RADIO REPEATED THAT CAMBODIAN PEOPLE WANT LIVE PEACEFULLY AND BORDER PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SOLVED TO AVOID ARMED CONFLICTS (AP, SUN).

FIRST FLIGHT LEAVE SAIGON IN 3 WKS CARRIED OUT 15 FOREIGNERS, MOSTLY JAPANESE, FRENCH; ANOTHER FLIGHT REPORTEDLY TO LEAVE WITHIN 3 DAYS. SAIGON AUTHORITIES CONDEMN ABUSES, EXCESSIVE ZEAL BY SOME NEW AUTHORITIES (WP 6/29). MIL AUTHORITIES ORDER ALL VIETS WHO WORKED FOR FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS REGISTER WITHIN 10 DAYS.
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FOREIGN NATIONALS, VIETS HOLDING FOREIGN PASSPORTS ALSO REQUIRED REGISTER (REUTER, NYT 6/29). NEW REGIME SAYS OVER 200 MI RR TRACK, 50 BRIDGES REPAIRED IN 2 MOS (AP, SUN). NVN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS HANOI, MOSCOW SIGN SCIENTIFIC-CULTURAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT (AP, WP).

FENTON (WP) FROM SAIGON WRITES OF VN'S NEW ETHNIC MINORITY - US STRAGGLERS. INCLUDES MISSIONARIES, JOURNALISTS, MDS, OTHERS WHO MISSED LAST COPTER OR WANTED STAY. NOTES 10 ARE IN PROVINCES, OVER 60 IN SAIGON, FEW UNDER SOME SORT DETENTION, MOST LIVE IN "REDUCED CIRCUMSTANCES" SINCE UNEMPLOYED, SHORT OF CASH. SAYS MOST JOURNALISTS EXPECT LEAVE IN FEW WEEKS, NOT

KNOWN IF OTHERS WILL BE ALLOWED STAY.

2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

DESPAIR OVERTAKING REFUGEES AS FIRST EXCITEMENT ENDS,
FRUSTRATION SETS IN SINCE NOW SEEMS MAY TAKE YRS
BEFORE CAN ENJOY ADVANTAGES OF US LIFE (UPI, BG 6/29).
RURAL TOWN IN ARKANSAS DELIGHTED RECEIVE VIET PHYSICIANS
(AP, PHINQ). VIET FAMILY IN BALTIMORE SHARES ROW
HOUSE, TRIES ADJUST (ROZHON, SUN). REFUGEE CRISIS

IMPERILS CHARITABLE AGENCIES THAT FIND SELVES SHORT
MONEY, STAFF, SPONSORS (ROZHON, SUB 6/29). GLOBE
COMMENTS THAT ORIGINAL FEARS THAT MANY REFUGEES WOULD
BE DIFFICULT ASSIMILATE, TAKE JOBS FROM AMERICANS,
INCORRECT. NOTES PROGRAM NOT ROARING SUCCESS, BUT US
MUST HELP THEM BECOME AMERICAN, RETURN HOME, OR EMIGRATE
AS THEY WISH.

SOME PENDLETON REFUGEES AWAIT DAY THEY CAN RETURN HOME.
ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE THROUGH UNHCR (KNEELAND, NYT).
UN REPORTS SENDS EMISARIES TO SAIGON WORK OUT
REPATRIATION DETAILS (WASKUL, LAT 6/26).

3. CHINA

NCNA REPORTED PEKING ARRIVAL OF IRAN AIR INAUGURAL
FLIGHT SUNDAY FROM TEHERAN; QUOTED IRAN AIR OFFICIAL
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THAT NEW SERVICE SHORTENS ANCIENT SILK ROUTE, WILL
HELP ESTABLISH CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND PRC
(AP, SUN).

REUTER'S GRIFFITHS IN PEKING (WP 6/29) DESCRIBES BOMB
SHELTERS, TUNNELS UNDER PEKING THROUGH WHICH PEOPLE
MAY QUICKLY DISPERSE IN CASE OF NUCLEAR WAR. QUOTES
AIR-RAID COMMISSIONER KAO SHIH-FEN TELLING FOREIGN
PRESS SYSTEM DESIGNED "KEEP PEOPLE ALIVE SO THEY CAN
FIGHT," AND MAIN DANGER TO PEKING IS FROM "SOCIAL
IMPERIALISTS."

MOSCOW EXPECTS MAO WILL "QUIT THE POLITICAL SCENE"
IN NEAR FUTURE, CONCERNED OVER RELATIONS IN POST-MAO
ERA. MOST SOVIET SPECIALIST BELIEVE GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT
IN SOVIET-PRC RELATIONS LIKELY, OTHER ANALYSTS WORRY
ABOUT POSSIBILITY MORE RADICAL FACTIONS TAKING CONTROL,
CAUSING MORE BITTER SINO-SOVIET FEUD. KREMLIN SAYS US,
EUROPE "SHOULD TAKE THIS MORE SERIOUSLY," WARNING
"SOMEDAY RUSSIA WILL TIRE OF SAVING EUROPE FROM THE
ASIANS" (PARKS, SUN 6/29).

NYT (6/29) CARRIES UPI PHOTO CHOU-EN-LAI, TAKEN 6/26 AT PEKING HOSPITAL. CHOU REPORTED WELL, "BUT UNDER CLOSE OBSERVATION."

4. JAPAN

STR DENT ARRIVED TOKYO SUNDAY TO DISCUSS INTL TRADE, POLLUTION, ENERGY WITH JAPANESE LEADERS, ACCORDING AMEMBASSY TOKYO (AP, SUN, WP, PHINQ).

NYT SPECIAL (TOKYO 6/29) SAYS WHALERS "DEEPLY SHOCKED" BY IWC DECISION TO CUT WHALE QUOTAS. INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN SAYS THREE WHALING FIRMS PLANNING MERGE BY NEXT SPRING, REDUCE FLEETS, SWITCH SURPLUS CREWS TO OTHER OPERATIONS.

MITI OFFICIAL SAYS JAPAN PLANS IMPORT MORE THAN 10 MIL MT OF NON-COKING COAL ANNUALLY FROM 1985; JFY 75 IMPORTS EXPECTED RISE TO 800,000 MT (JOC).

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JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO CITES MOF ANNOUNCEMENT JAPAN RECORDED SECOND CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY BOP DEFICIT IN MAY, MAINLY DUE TRADE DEFICIT. CULLISON ALSO CITES MOT SOURCE, THAT SHIPPING FIRMS PLAN SPEND 1.4 BIL DOLLARS ON FLEET EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENTS DURING JFY 75.

SUN'S SEIDEN REVIEWS RECENT JAPANESE-ARAB BUSINESS DEALS THAT ADD UP TO RAPIDLY GROWING "ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP." SAYS EXPORT INCOME FROM OIL PRODUCERS MORE THAN DOUBLED DURING FY 74; GOJ PREDICTS 40 PERCENT INCREASE CURRENT JFY.

5. KOREA

GLOBE (6/28) CITES AMB SCALI LETTER TO UN STATING US READY DISSOLVE UNC JAN 1, PROVIDED APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO INSURE MAINTENANCE OF TRUCE AGREEMENT.

LAT (6/27) CITES GOP SENATE CANDIDATE ROBERT FINCH TELLING PRESS THURSDAY US MUST CONTINUE SUPPORT ROK WITH TROOPS, MIL AID AND NUCLEAR CAPABILITY -- OTHERWISE MIGHT MEAN EVENTUAL LOSS OF JAPAN AS US PARTNER. FINCH SAID ROK FALL MIGHT FORCE JAPAN REARM HASTILY, OR CHOOSE SIDES BETWEEN SOVIETS, CHINA. NYT'S HALLORAN REVIEWS SEVERAL CASES OF ALLEGED CAPITAL FLIGHT IN VIOLATION ROK FOREX LAWS, PARK'S MOST RECENT EMERGENCY DECREE. SAYS RACIEST CASE INVOLVES YOUNG BUSINESSMAN PARK TONG MYONG WHO ALLEGEDLY SMUGGLED OUT 250,000 DOLS TO CHASE PLAYBOY CLUB

BUNNIES, BUY 30,000 DOL MERCEDES-BENZ.

REUTER (PANMUNJOM) SAYS USA MAJOR KNOCKED DOWN BY TWO NKOREAN NEWSMEN WHILE SENIOR OFFICERS TRADED CHARGES IN MAC MEETING TODAY. WAC SGT ALSO STRUCK BY NKOREAN GUARD. US ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID NKOREANS TRIED CAUSE SIMILAR DISTURBANCES DURING TWO PREVIOUS MAC MEETINGS.

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6. AUSTRALIA

LABOR'S HOUSE MARGIN REDUCED FROM 5 TO 3 AFTER LIBERALS GAIN TASMANIAN SEAT IN SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION HELD 6/28 (AP, SUN; NYT 6/29).

MELBOURNE MAGISTRATE APPROVES EXTRADITION BRITISH POLITICIAN STONEHOUSE, CHARGED WITH THEFT, FRAUD, AND FORGERY (AP, WP).

VICKERS (CSM) REPORTS AUSTRALIAN "CULTURE RUSH" PROMPTING MANY CITIES BUILD ARTS CENTERS. OPERA PRODUCER BENTHAAK NOTES AUSTRALIAN SINGERS WORKING OVERSEAS NOW THINK IT WORTHWHILE RETURN, SOMETHING "THAT'S NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE." LABOR GOVT'S ARTS SUBSIDY ALSO UP 42 PCT FROM LAST YEAR.

7. INDONESIA

FONMIN MALIK SAYS US SHOULD EVENTUALLY GIVE UP BASES IN THAILAND, PHILS, BUT NOT ROLE AS "PACIFIC POWER." ADDS 7TH FLEET COULD BE "BALANCE" IN AREA, BUT SHOULD REMAIN OUTSIDE WATERS ASEAN COUNTRIES (NYT 6/29).

PORUTGAL'S REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL WILL ACCEPT TIMOR'S INTEGRATION WITH NEIGHBORING INDONESIA IF TIMOR POPULATION AGREES (WP).

8. THAILAND

PREMIER KUKRIT LEFT FOR PEKING WITH 39-MAN DELEGATION TO ESTABLISH DIP RELATIONS WITH CHINA (CSM; AP, PHINQ), SAID CHINESE AGREED NOT INTERFERE IN INTERNAL THAI AFFAIRS, ADDED THAT REALIZED CHINESE WOULD CONTINUE EXPRESS SUPPORT THAI REVOLUTIONARIES (NYT). KUKRIT SAYS "ONLY ONE CHINA FOR THAILAND" FROM NOW ON (AP, SUN).

AT HK NEWS CONFERENCE, KUKRIT DISPUTED SUGGESTIONS ANTI-US FEELING GROWING IN THAILAND, ADDED US TROOP WITHDRAWAL SHOULD HELP EASE TENSIONS (AP, SUN). OVER

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BANGKOK TV, APPEALED FOR NO RUSH PUSH OUT US SOLDIERS
BECAUSE DEADLINE FOR TOTAL WITHDRAWAL NEXT MARCH
(AP 6/29).

THAILAND STOCK EXCHANGE, OPENED APR 30, GETS OFF TO

SHAKY START BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTIES IN AREA, THIN
MARKET. HOPE HAD BEEN TO CREATE CAPITAL MARKET,
DIVERT FUNDS FROM LAND SPECULATION INTO MORE
PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS (WSJ).

9. BURMA

GUB ANNOUNCES TROOPS KILLED AT LEAST 120 COMMUNIST
INSURGENTS IN PAST WK (WSJ); GOVT LOSSES 32 DEAD (WP).

10. GENERAL

SEVENTEEN AMBASSADORS PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO SOMORA
MACHEL, NEW PRESIDENT OF MOZAMBIQUE, INCLUDING PRC,
NK, CAMBODIA (WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. INDOCHINA

BALT SUN NOTES END OF USAID IN LAOS AND SAYS NO QUESTION
THAT US MISUNDERSTOOD INDOCHINESE BUT THE LATTER MUST
UNDERSTAND US ALSO. USAID'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR A
"BIZARRE BLUNDER" BUT THIS NO EXCUSE FOR "HANDING OVER
EVER-SCARCE AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT MONEY WITH NO IDEA
OF WHERE IT IS GOING." (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

HEALY (GLOBE) WONDERS WHAT HAK DOING DELIVERING TOUGH
MESSAGE TO ALLIES. CALLS IT MAJOR CHANGE IN TACTICS, NOT
STRATEGY, WITH SOME OF IT PRODUCT OF US EXPERIENCE IN
VN AND LESSON THAT ALLIES MUST BE TRUE ALLIES ABLE HOLD
UP THEIR END OF AN AGREEMENT. MENTIONS BASES IN PHILS
AS IMPORTANT OUR OPERATIONS IN FAR EAST.

KOMISAR (NYT - IN USIA READING FILE) SAYS VN WAR, MAYAGUEZ
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AFFAIR ILLUSTRATE "MACHISMO FACTOR" THAT IS CENTRAL THEME
OF OUR CULTURE, IMPLACABLE FACT OF OUR LIVES. OPINES HARD
TO KNOW WHAT LESSON US LEADERS LEARNED FROM VN DEBACLE.

MCGEORGE BUNDY (NYT 6/29) CALLS CORRECT ADMIN APPEAL AVOID

RECRIMINATIONS IN WAKE DISINTEGRATION RESISTANCE TO COMMUNISM IN INDOCHINA, BELIEVES INCORRECT LESSONS MAY BE DRAWN FROM EXPERIENCE. SAYS ONE GREAT LESSON IS THAT VN CASE UNIQUE, SO NO SENSE IN MAKING FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVE TO AVOID ANOTHER SINCE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO US ROLE THERE NOT LIKELY BE REPEATED. ANOTHER LESSON IS IMMENSE COST BREAKDOWN IN RELATIONS BETWEEN PRES, CONGRESS. THINKS MAY BE REAL CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE IN KOREA.

NOYES (WSTAR 6/29) BELIEVES ISSUES RAISED BY INDOCHINESE WARS UNRESOLVED. NOTES USSR, PRC NOTICEABLY RESTRAINED OVER TRIUMPH. POINTS OUT CONFLICTING SCHOOLS OF ANALYSIS: FIRST BLAMES DEBACLE ON INHERENT INFIRMITIES OF INDO-CHINESE REGIMES, SOCIETIES; SECOND SEES RESULT AS FAILURE US WILL. WONDERS WHETHER US WILL LEARN LIVE COMFORTABLY WITH DESERTION SMALL ALLY IN ITS DESPERATE HOURS.

12. KOREA

"PARADE" SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT IN WP AND OTHER MAJOR PAPERS CARRIES FRONT FULL PAGE COLOR PHOTO KIM IL SUNG SHAKING HANDS WITH MAO TSE TUNG. COVER STORY HEADED "WILL THE U.S. HAVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER WAR IN KOREA?" BY STAFF. WRITER ROBERT WALTERS CLAIMS POLLS SHOW US PUBLIC WANTS NO PART OF SUCH A WAR (OVERTAKEN BY LATEST HARRIS POLL); CHINA HELPING TO STAVE OFF WAR; US SENATORS SUPPORTING LONG TERM SOLUTION INVOLVING WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS AND TREATY REVISION. ACCOMPANYING PHOTOS SHOW KIM CULT AND NK INDOCTRINATION OF YOUTH. NO SK PIX.

WP "OUTLOOK" SECTION (6/29) DEVOTES TWO AND A HALF PAGES TO THREE DIFFERENT OBERDORFER ARTICLES. LONG RETROSPECTIVE PIECE CONTRASTS KOREA AT TIME OF WAR WITH TODAY'S DYNAMIC NATION. "MIRROR IMAGE" FINDS GREAT SIMILARITIES BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH AND BETWEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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KIM AND PARK, BUT "ONE WONDERS WHY AN ALL POWERFUL LEADER HAS BEEN ACCEPTED WITH SO LITTLE TROUBLE IN THE NORTH AND SO STRONGLY RESISTED IN THE SOUTH." CHANCES FOR WAR "REASONABLY GOOD." SITUATION FLUID. PEOPLE UNPREDICTABLE. CHIDES US FOR NOT COMING TO GRIPS WITH THE TOUGH QUESTION OF KOREA'S LONG-RANGE FUTURE AND US NATIONAL INTERESTS. CONCLUDES: "HANG ON TO YOUR HAT. KOREA IS A LAND OF SURPRISES."

SECOND PIECE DEALS WITH SEOUL'S ENORMOUS GROWTH AND REPORTS VISIT WITH POOR. SQUATTER FAMILY WHICH PREFERS CITY POVERTY TO RETURN TO THE FARM. NOTES LACK OF POLITICAL INTEREST BY SLUM POOR SQUATTER.

THIRD PIECE DESCRIBES PROGRESS IN VILLAGE OF NOPUNTO
BUT NOTES DECLINE OF TRADITIONAL COOPERATIVE SPIRIT
IN VILLAGE.

REISCHAUER IN WP (6/28) WRITES ON "KOREA AND VIETNAM:
THE NONPARALLELS." SAYS "LET US NOT NOWPANIC
OVER KOREA BECAUSE OF ANALOGIES MISTAKENLY DRAWN WITH
VIETNAM." NO DANGER OF AN IMMEDIATE CRISIS BUT "AN
ULTIMATE, VIET-NAM-LIKE DEBACLE MAY BE IN THE CARDS...
UNLESS WE START TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT SOON." NOTES
DECLINE OF DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH, MOOD OF DESPARATION
GROWING WHICH HAS ADVERSE EFFECTS ON US OPINION. US
MAY NOT BE ABLE TO LIVE UP TO TREATY COMMITMENTS. NOTES
ADVERSE EFFECTS ON JAPAN CERTAIN IF SK COLLAPSES.
URGES US PRESENT PARK WITH PROGRAM OF MEASURED
WITHDRAWALS, REDUCTIONS IN AID WITHIN FIVE YEARS UNLESS
PARK LIBERALIZES. SUPPORTS FOUR-POWER GUARANTEE WHICH
COULD LEAD TO PEACE AND REUNIFICATION.
BEECHER (GLOBE 6/29) CITES "WELL-PLACED OFFICIALS" THAT US
DRAFT REPLY TO GENL STILWELL QUERY ABOUT STATUS OF FIVE
ISLAND GROUPS OFF WEST COAST OF NKOREA. STATES US COM-
MITTED DEFEND ALL SKOREAN TERRITORY, AND HE SHOULD PRO-
CEED WITH JOINT DEFENSE PLANNING BUT NOT INCLUDE US
FORCES AMONG REINFORCED GARRISON. ADDS MOST WASHINGTON
ANALYSTS DOUBT KIL IL-SUNG ATTACK ROK "ANY TIME SOON";
INSTEAD KIM SEEN TRYING EXPLOIT POST-VN WAR WEARINESS IN
US, PROVOKE CONCERN US LEAVING TROOPS, PLANES EXPOSED TO
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SITUATION IN ROK WHERE PYONGYANG "WILD MAN" COULD SUDDENLY
ENSNARE US IN ANOTHER UNPOPULAR WAR IN ASIA.
OBERDORFER (WP) REVIEWS SIGNIFICANCE OF US PROPOSAL TO
DISBAND UNC, SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY SUBSTITUTE TO MAIN-
TAIN TRUCE. NOTES NKOREANS IN JAPAN SAY END OF UN SUPPORT
FOR ROK FIRST STEP TOWARD "POLITICAL DISARMAMENT" AIMED
AT EVENTUAL UNIFICATION OF KOREA UNDER PYONGYANG. SAYS
NK WORKERS' PARTY OFFICIAL STATED VIEW IN TOKYO LAST
OCTOBER THAT SINCE UNC SIGNED ARMISTICE FOR SOUTHERN SIDE
AGREEMENT WOULD ALSO DISAPPEAR AUTOMATICALLY WITH ABOLI-
TION OF SIGNATORY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

13. CHINA

ELEGANT (PHINQ) SAYS SEX "PUBLIC ENEMY" IN PRC;
LEADERSHIP TERMS EVEN "MOST IDYLLIC LOVE STORIES"
EVIDENCE "BOURGEOIS DECADENCE." NOTES MODERN WEST
CONSIDERED "LICENTIOUS" BY PRC STANDARDS.

SUN'S WU, IN PEKING, DESCRIBES CONTRASTS BETWEEN OLD
AND NEW, REACHING EVEN INTO SOCIAL LIFE. PRC OFFICIALS
CALL BACKWARDNESS STILL EVIDENT THERE LEGACY OF PAST,
WHICH "CANNOT BE ELIMINATED OVERNIGHT"--AIM BUILD

MODERN STATE WITH ADVANCED ECONOMY BY END 20TH
CENTURY.

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14. JAPAN

GLOBE EDIT HAILS IWC COMPROMISE TO SHARPLY LIMIT COMMERCIAL
CATCH OF CERTAIN WHALES. NOTES IWC HAS NO POWERS OF
ENFORCEMENT, RELIES ON GOOD FAITH OF 15 MEMBER NATIONS.
CALLS FOR "STRONGER ACTION" IF JAPANESE, OR SOVIETS --
WHO ACCOUNT FOR 80 PERCENT OF ANNUAL WHALE KILL -- REFUSE
ABIDE BY IWC DECISION.

CSM'S OKA IN LONDON QUOTES US DELEGATE TO IWC ROBERT WHITE
THAT LOWER QUOTAS ARE "MAJOR STEP FORWARD" IN INTL
EFFORT PROTECT WHALES FROM "ENDANGERMENT." NOTES
CONSERVATIONISTS DISSATISFIED AT IWC FAILURE ADOPT 10-
YEAR MORATORIUM. SAYS JAPANESE, SOVIET DELEGATIONS
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UNHAPPY WITH LOWER QUOTAS, BUT NEITHER REPORTED READY
TO RECOMMEND ITS GOVT REJECT NEW QUOTAS, AS ENTITLED TO
DO WITH 90 DAYS OF COMMISSION DECISION.

CSM EDIT WELCOMES NEW QUOTA LIMITS AS "HALFWAY MOVE" TO
PREVENT EXTINCTION OF WORLD'S LARGEST MAMMAL. NOTES JAPAN,
SOVIETS HAVE IGNORED IWC QUOTAS IN PAST, AND CALLS ON
BOTH TO ABIDE BY RECENT DECISION TO PREVENT EXTINCTION
OF CERTAIN WHALE SPECIES.

15. THAILAND

WP AND GLOBE CARRY EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN ON INSURGENCY
IN THAILAND. NOTES CONTINUING INSURGENCY AND PAST THAI
PENCHANT FOR LOOKING TO US FOR HELP. NOW THAI SEEKING
ACCOMODATION WITH PEKING AND HANOI. IN LONG RUN HOWEVER,
ONLY THE THAI CAN PREVENT THEMSELVES FROM BECOMING ANOTHER
DOMINO (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

PHINQ (6/30) CARRIES EARLIER EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN ON
BICKERING BETWEEN US AND RTG ON MEO TRIBESMEN.

16. MARIANAS

NYT (6/29) SAYS CONGRESS NEEDS FEEL NO OBLIGATION GIVE
"RUBBER-STAMP" APPROVAL TO WHITE HOUSE, PENTAGON DESIRE
ANNEX MARIANAS. STATES THIS QUESTION OPPORTUNITY FOR
LEGISLATORS CONSIDER POSSIBLE NEW US COMMITMENT AND
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, MILITARY IMPLICATIONS "BEFORE DIS-
COVERING A FAIT ACCOMPLI."

17. DIEGO GARCIA

TWO WP LETTERS (6/29) CONDEMN US MILITARY EXPANSION ON
DIEGO GARCIA, SEEING SUCH MOVE SIGN ASIAN MILITARY
BUILDUP; NOTE DUBIOUS CLAIMS NEW BASES COUNTERING INDIAN
18. GENERAL

LELYVELD (NYT 6/29) STATES SE ASIANS STILL CONSIDER US
PRESENCE--NOT NECESSARILY MILITARY--HIGHLY IMPORTANT.
SINGAPORE'S ECON DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR PREDICTS INDOCHINA
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DEFEATS WILL HAVE "MARGINAL AND TEMPORARY IMPACT--IF ANY--
ON BURGEONING AMERICAN INTERESTS" IN AREA. ASIA ECONOMIC
PLANNERS SEE US RECESSION LARGER THREAT THAN INDOCHINA
COLLAPSE, WITH THAILAND LOSING US INVESTOR CONFIDENCE
ONLY DUE TO ANXIETY OVER POSSIBLE RISE IN ECONOMIC
NATIONALISM, NOT DOMINO THEORY CONCERNS. PHILS SEE US
MIL ROLE THERE DWINDLING, YET HOPE "CONSCIENCE WILL PUSH"
US BACK INTO ECONOMIC AID. INGERSOLL

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